

641—94.5(135) Eligibility and criteria. To be eligible for a child protection center grant, an organization shall:

94.5(1) Have acquired partial membership rank as a child advocacy center from the National Children's Alliance and shall identify a plan to acquire full membership rank within one year of receiving a state grant.

94.5(2) Have in place an interagency memorandum of understanding which meets the requirements of Iowa Code section 135.118. The applicant shall provide in the application written information in the following areas:

a. Data, statistics and facts from an assessment of need and assets in the community to support a child protection center for children.

b. Identification of barriers to the child protection center to reach the purpose and goals for children as may exist in federal, state or local rules, regulations, codes, policies or procedures.

c. A plan to request and advocate waivers of federal, state, or local rules, regulations, codes, policies, or procedures to remove or reduce barriers.

d. The child protection center's access to information regarding all suspected or confirmed child abuse/neglect victims in the identified service area.

e. The child protection center's provision of 24-hour access to center staff for support, questions and referrals regarding child abuse.

f. Identification of matching local funds to support and sustain the child protection center in the community.

g. A plan for community education on prevention of child abuse and neglect.

h. Collaboration agreements with providers of human services, child health services, early education services, and all other potential community partners to support the purpose and goals of the child protection center.

i. The child protection center's ability to access and utilize alternate funds for activities provided.